



C-130 paint shop team members Maurice Appling, David Stone, Tim Cerka and Sherwin Harris push Todd Miller in their entry in Robins' 8th annual bed race. They were the winners with a time of 42.96 seconds

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



Above: Runners compete in the 100 meter dash June 2 during Summer Sports Day at Robins. The race was one of more than a half dozen activities that pitted base organizations against each other in the name of fun.

At right: Technical Sgt. Michael McKiver, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, competes in horseshoes.

Below: Staff Sgt. Andrew Hixson, 78th SFS, makes a hit during one-pitch softball.



Summer Sports Day 2006

The base Fitness Center hosted the 2006 Summer Sports Day June 2.

Events consisted of 3-on-3 basketball, bowling, tennis, dodge ball, 1-pitch softball, racquetball, volleyball, track and field, horseshoes, swimming and tug of war.

Nearly 600 competitors from 28 units took part in the

event which promoted fitness and teamwork between military and civilian personnel.

Units were rewarded for their efforts by receiving participation points towards the commander's trophy which was presented to the unit with the highest point total at the end of each intramural sports season.

Winners are as follows:

1st place 78th Security Forces Squadron – 39 points

2nd place 78th Services Squadron, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing and 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron all with - 20 points

3rd place 78th Civil Engineering Group - 18 points



1st Lt. Sarah Parris, 78th Security Forces Squadron, participates in a game of tennis.

TODAY

A skin cancer prevention walk will be today at 11 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park for a family-feature presentation of “Jungle Book.” The movie will start at dark, about 8:15 p.m. Concessions will be on sale. This is a 3C event. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Belly dancing classes begin today. A beginner’s class meets on Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. and intermediate from 7 to 8 p.m. The six-week classes cost \$60. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

An after work party, with complimentary snacks, will be held every second, third and fourth Friday of the month starting at 5 p.m. at the enlisted club. Entertainment will be R & B with DJ Willie Nelson. For details, call 926-7625.

An after work super social party, with complimentary snacks, food and entertainment will be held every second, third and fourth Friday starting at 5 p.m. at the officers’ club. For details, call 926-2670.

SATURDAY

Fitness center hours on Saturdays will be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

The Robins enlisted club will feature Old School with Chris Williams from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday and June 24. For more information call 926-7625.

SUNDAY

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the officers’ club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. For more information call officers’ club at 926-2670.

Texas Hold ‘Em will be held in the enlisted club starting at 1:30 p.m. Additional dates are June 18 and 25. Entertainment fee is \$10 club members and \$15 nonmembers. Fee includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

MONDAY

The “Once Upon A Time” summer reading program will be at the Base Library with story time on Mondays at 10 a.m. for children 12 years and younger. For more information, visit the Library, Building 905, or call 327-7380.

TUESDAY

Salsa dance lessons are back. Learn the hottest Salsa dance moves with instructors, Julie and Juan Sanchez. Their five-week course for beginners will meet on Tuesdays at the Smith Community Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$175 per couple and \$105 for singles. Class size is limited to 20 people and is open to all the Robins community to include active duty, retired, reserve, DoD civilians and family members 16 years or older. To learn more call the community center at 926-2105.

Enjoy pizza, tossed salad and draft specials Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the enlisted club. Call 926-7625 for details.

Get your fill of thrills and chills during Movie Night at the Wynn Dining Facility, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 8 p.m. Vote for the movies you want to see by filling out a ballot at the dining facility. Complimentary popcorn will be provided. For more information call 926-6596.

Enjoy divine dining at the officers’ club every Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

Join the fun at Boss N’ Buddy night in the main lounge of the officers’ club. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and trivia games will begin at 5 p.m. This event includes light snacks, margarita and draft beer specials, trivia challenge and prizes. Must be a club member to win. For details, call 926-2670.

Register for table tennis by Wednesday. Play starts Thursday at 5 p.m. This is a 3C event. To learn more, call the community center at 926-2105.

Enjoy Wednesdays at enlisted club with M.U.G. night and Karaoke with Kim. Bring your own mug (up to 30 ounces) and get refills for only \$1.50 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

Enjoy pizza and tossed salad on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the officers’ club. Call 926-2670 for details.

THURSDAY

A high energy, entertaining new



America’s Armed Forces Kids Run

Courtesy photo

More than 130 runners participated in the America’s Armed Forces Kids Fun Run at Robins May 20 at the fitness center track. Eighty-seven children, ages 5 to 13, and 45 adults ran. America’s Armed Forces Kids Run was held at Military Bases worldwide on May 20. The program is part of America’s Kids Run, which considered to be the world’s largest children’s running event.

class “Hip Hop” will be held for four weeks starting Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the community center. Classes will be held every Thursday and cost \$40 per person. Classes fill quickly, so sign up now. For more information call 926-2105.

A hip hop for kids class will be held on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6 p.m. starting this Thursday. Class is open to all children ages 6 to 10. Cost for this four-week session is \$25 per child. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

UPCOMING

The Robins Enlisted Club will feature WIBB Hip Hop from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. June 16 and 30 and Old School with Chris Williams from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday and June 24. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

A PT dodge ball tournament is slated for June 16 starting at 2:30 p.m. To learn more, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A Father’s Day Sunday champagne brunch will be held at the officers’ club June 18 and is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Robins Officers’ Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. A special drawing for a \$100 gift certificate from Dick’s Sporting Good will be held with the winner announced June 19. For more information, call 926-2670.

A Joint Forces bingo will be held June 18 for Father’s Day certificates. A special start of the summer bingo will be held June 21 with snacks and door prizes and a membership bar bingo will be held June 28. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. Hours are Tuesday through Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m., and 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Bar bingo is five nights a week at 6 p.m.

Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DoD or family member ID card is eligible. Entry fee is free to all Robins’ club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members, and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-4515, or Teresa Resta, 926-1303.

The Missoula Children’s Theater tour arrives with a script, lights, costumes, props, and make-up — everything it takes to put on the play the all-time favorite classic “Alice in Wonderland,” ...everything except a cast. The community center will host this week-long program June 19 through 23. Between 50 and 60 children, from those entering the first grade to twelfth grade, may participate in open auditions at the community center June 19 at 9 a.m. Those auditioning should arrive by 9 a.m. and be prepared to stay the entire two hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout the week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. Two performances of Alice In Wonderland are scheduled in the community center ballroom: June 23, 3 p.m. and June 24, 7 p.m. General admission tickets cost \$4 per person or \$6 per person for both performances and free for children three and younger. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Dance the night away with ballroom dancing on Wednesdays starting June 21. The Tango will be taught from 6 to 7 p.m. and the Cha-Cha from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is one class \$40 per person or both for \$60 per person. Class is limited so register early. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Enjoy family night bingo June 26 at the enlisted club. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun. Cost is \$4 for a 10-game pack. For more details call Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

Parents and tots meet June 26 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting

room at the Smith Community Center. For more information call 926-2105.

Children ages 6 to 10 can learn the basics of belly dancing June 30. Class meets on Fridays from 5:30 to 6 p.m. for a four-week session. Cost is \$30 per child. For more information call 926-2105.

Robins Officers’ and Enlisted Club members and their families may apply for the Air Force Services club membership scholarship program. Air Force-wide, six scholarships will be awarded: First prize, \$6,000; second, \$5,500; third, \$4,500; fourth, \$3,500; fifth, \$3,000 and sixth, \$2,500. Nominees must provide an essay of no more than 500 words on “Proud to be an American.” Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified. Participant must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career goals and accomplishments. Essays must be typed in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs, and submitted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins and submitted on compact disc or diskette with one hard copy of the essay.

Applicants must also provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter. Nominations are due to Services Marketing, Building 983, by July 14. For more information, visit www-p.afsv.af.mil/ clubs or call 926-5492.

Youth fall sports registration will be July 15 for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading and fall soccer. Hours to register will be Monday through Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 6 p.m. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Building 1021 or call 926-2110.

ONGOING

Private pilot ground school registration will be through July 3 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with school held July 3 through Aug. 30. One hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$575 and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45-to 50-hour course, lasting approximately 10 weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, call 926-4867.

The base pools are open. Swimming pool hours are: enlisted club, noon to 7 p.m., closed Thursdays; officers’ club, noon to 7 p.m., closed Tuesdays; and Crestview, noon to 7 p.m., closed Mondays. Pool passes are now available. Daily rate is \$2, single E4 and below/civilian \$20, single E5 and above/officers/civilians \$30, family E4 and below/civilians \$45 and family E5 and above/officers/civilians \$55. Swim lessons and private pool parties will be available. For details, call outdoor recreation, 926-4001.

The arts & crafts center will hold the following classes in June. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice and do not include supply and equipment costs. Call 926-5282 for class dates and times or go to the services website at www.robins.af.mil/services.

Beginning matting/framing, drawing, watercolor, acrylic painting, stained glass beginners/intermediate, encaustic painting with wax, oil painting, calligraphy, sewing and scrapbooking. Call for class dates and times or go to the services website at www.robins.af.mil/services.

Wood shop classes are held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and auto shop safety and orientation classes are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m., free.

Do-it-yourself framing is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening and Saturdays, is by appointment only.

Information, tickets and travel has the following tickets for sale. For more information call 926-2945.

►Atlanta Braves VIP ticket packages

are available for \$50 (a \$300 value). Receive four free game tickets and six buy-one-get-one-free tickets. A limited supply is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

►Purchase a Wild Adventure Passport for \$60 (gate \$64.95); parking pass for \$22 (gate \$25) or a platinum pass for \$125 (gate \$129.95) includes parking, unlimited go-karts, sky-coaster ride, golf and discounts on food.

►ITT will be selling Atlanta Falcons tickets June 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost for pre-season upper \$30, pre-season lower \$70, regular season upper \$35 and regular season lower \$75. Limit five tickets per person per game. Tickets sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. No phone orders or e-mails will be accepted. Customer must be present when ordering.

The bowling center has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112.

►On Spot Café June special is a turkey burger for \$3.95 For more information call 926-5240.

►Enjoy the lights and music of Thunder Alley teen lock down glow-in-the-dark bowling June 17. Bowl as many games as you can from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15 and includes hamburger or hot dog, fries, soft drink and shoes. Sign up by June 14.

►Treat dad to bowling June 18. You bowl for the regular price and dad gets a complimentary game.

►Register for Peterson Point, a scratch or mixed bowling league now.

►Play beat the clock on Mondays in June. Start bowling at 1 p.m. and pay \$1 per game and every hour thereafter up until 5 p.m. add .25 per game.

►The Air Force Services Summer Strike Force bowling promotion has taken off. Patrons will receive punch cards when participating in bowling center programs for the chance to win prizes.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103.

►Every Monday in June pay \$20 for green fee and cart all day.

►A summer 9-day sale will be held at the newly renovated pro shop starting today. Selected merchandise will be on sale starting at 10 percent off.

►After 2 p.m. on weekends pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

►Purchase a 10-play punch card \$100 (regular \$120) and a 10-play punch card with cart for only \$190 (regular \$210) during the month of June.

►Take a lesson with teaching pro Keith Brady. Lessons are offered Wednesday through Friday. Rates are: military, \$50 an hour, \$25 half-hour, juniors \$20 half-hour; annual fee players \$55 an hour, \$30 half-hour, juniors \$25 half-hour; non-annual fee members, \$60 an hour, \$35 half-hour and juniors, \$30 half-hour. Call Mr. Brady, 747-0318, for an appointment.

►The 2006 Warner Robins Air Logistics Center/CC golf tournament is scheduled for Friday June 30 with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. and lunch at 11 a.m. Event includes golf cart, green fee, range balls, lunch and beverages for \$40 annual green fee players and \$45 for non-annual green fee players. Teams consist of a four-person scramble format with net and gross divisions. If golfers do not have a USGA handicap, they should annotate their average score. Sign up by June 24. For more information and to sign up, contact Major Michael Newsom, 222-0050, 1st Lt. Sarah Parris, 926-2068, or the golf pro shop, 926-4103, or visit www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the golf tournament icon.

►The Fairways Grille of the Pine Oaks Golf Course will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony June 26. The ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. Guests are welcome to sample fare from the new menu from 10 to 11 a.m. and fill out an entry form for a chance to win prizes. Contests with prizes for the winners will include a long-putt contest, name that sandwich, golf trivia and more.

To have an item listed, send it to Amanda Smith at amanda.smith@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.



FRIDAY
Akeelah and the Bee
Lawrence Fishburne, Keke Palmer

A young girl learns to believe in herself and value her intelligence in this family-friendly drama. Akeelah Anderson is an 11-year-old being raised by her mother, Tanya, who was left on her own after the death of her husband. While Akeelah is a very bright girl, she’s hardly a star student and seems afraid of acting like a bookworm around her friends and classmates.

However, Akeelah’s teacher sees genuine potential in her student and encourages her to enter the school’s spelling bee, convinced Akeelah has the brains and the talent to win. Akeelah applies herself and emerges victorious in the local competition, but discovers the going gets tougher when she goes to a statewide bee. PG (some language) 112 minutes.

SATURDAY

Silent Hill

Radha Mitchell, Sean Bean
When the doctor of a troubled young girl recommends permanent psychiatric institutionalization and the girl’s concerned mother refuses to accept the grim diagnosis, the mother and daughter flee to a strange abandoned town to seek out answers. Sharon is a very sick child, yet rather than seeing her child suffer the cruel indignities of the medical profession, Rose ignores her husband’s pleas and absconds with her ailing daughter to the fog-enshrouded town of Silent Hill. R (strong horror violence and gore, disturbing images, and some language) 125 minutes. No one under 17 admitted without an accompanied parent or guardian.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the base theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Amanda Smith at: amanda.smith@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

David S. Clark, WR-ALC/FMAO, has been approved as a voluntary leave recipient. POC is Sallie Dwight, 222-2331.

Helen Jones, 402nd MXW/QPTP, has been approved as a voluntary leave recipient. POC is Dede Stone, 222-3523.

Air Force Reserve band to perform at Independence Day Celebration

By STAFF SGT. MICHAEL ANDREW
Air Force Reserve Command

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will perform at the 23rd annual Independence Day Celebration June 30 at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins.

The free concert will feature John Berry, an accomplished recording artist, for a night of music, fireworks and family fun.

The stadium will open to the public at 6 p.m. Festivities will begin at 7:15

with the Houston County Honor Band, comprised of select musicians from the county's four high schools. Mary Therese, 21st Century Partnership executive director, and Ben Jones, WMAZ-TV meteorologist, will host the main stage show starting at 8.

The stadium bleachers offer seating; however, attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating in the infield. Food and beverages will be available at concession stands. Bags and containers are subject to search since alcoholic beverages are prohibited at this family event.

"This may be the best Independence Day observance in the state," said Allen Tatman of the Warner Robins Civitan Club. "Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, and the talent of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, we have a tremendous celebration, featuring special guest artists and a fireworks display that gets bigger and better every year. We encourage families to bring the kids and enjoy a great show."

Mr. Tatman said people should watch the show from inside the stadium as the fireworks are set to music, which "makes the spectacular display that

much more stirring and enjoyable to watch."

Mr. Berry was born in Aiken, S.C., and raised in the Atlanta area. He gravitated to both soul and country music and began recording his own albums at home in 1979. Two years later, he started performing solo acoustic shows in northeast Georgia, then expanded around the Southeast, building a strong name and following. He had his first No. 1 single in 1994 with "Your Love Amazes Me," with "She's Taken a Shine" and "Standing on the Edge of Goodbye" following suit. Other Top 10

releases included "You and Only You," "I Think About It All The Time," "What's In It For Me," "If I Had Any Pride Left At All," and "Change My Mind." "Standing On The Edge," as well as his edgy top 10 hit "Kiss Me in the Car," showed off his songwriting ability.

With multiple gold and platinum albums and nominations from the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music, and the Grammys, Mr. Berry has forged an appreciation from the music industry and fans alike.

Change of command



U.S. Air Force photo by ERIC PALMER

Col. Theresa Carter passes the guidon to Col. Edward Piekarczyk as he becomes the new commander of the 78th Civil Engineer Group May 25. Colonel Piekarczyk replaces Col. Lemoyne Blackshear, who has retired.

Summer programs available at museum

This year's Starbase Robins summer academies, held at the Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center, are centered on technology.

►Starbase Rocket Science Academy will be held June 15 and 16 for students entering fifth through eighth grades. This academy will allow students to combine hands on science, technology, and fun, and includes the history of rocket science and rocket building. Cost is \$75 per student, which includes an academy T-shirt and their personally built rocket. The program includes a rocket launch on the last day.

►Starbase Robotics I Academy will be held June 19

through June 23, for students entering sixth through eighth grades, and will allow students to understand the basics of robotics including gears, sensors and motors. This academy will include a robot rodeo and the participants will be building an award winning OWI robotics kit to take home. Robot inventor James McLurkin will make a visit. Cost is \$200 per student, which includes an academy T-shirt and their personally built robot.

►Starbase Robotics II Academy will be held July 10 through July 14 for students entering seventh and eighth grades. This academy will

allow students to design, build and program robots using the Lego Mindstorm robotics sets. Student teams will use their imagination to program their robot to solve challenging problems. The academy will end with a Lego Mindstorm competition. Cost is \$200 per student, which includes an academy T-shirt and a field trip to watch robots in the work-place.

All programs take place in the Century of Flight hangar located at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins. For more information visit the Starbase Web site at www.starbaserobins.org, or contact Martha Lockhart at 926-1769.

Supporting the war fighter

Robins team works to improve purchase request process

By 583RD COMBAT
SUSTAINMENT SQUADRON

The cost of the war on terrorism is causing the United States' armed forces to be innovative both on the battlefield and in how they support their war fighters.

And because it has never been more imperative to provide the right tools and capabilities in a timely and efficient manner, a Robins team is working to improve the purchase request process.

By implementing a purchase request (PR) cell for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, the team hopes to achieve a standard process for all PRs here through eliminating waste, reducing redundancies and gaining efficiencies.

"The PR cell is an excellent example of applying Lean concepts in an administrative environment," said Ken Winslette, 586th Combat Sustainment Squadron director. "The cell creates a focus on PR quality, reducing rework and ultimately flow days."

In the past, each organization had PR specialists responsible for working requests through the system before submitting to con-

tracting for approval.

"That revealed certain inefficiencies, especially where a PR was started but not completed for a great length of time," said William Edmonds, 586th CBSS PR section chief, who is leading the efforts of the team in creating the cell.

In the new PR cell, the Automated Purchase Request System (APRS) will provide a means to track each PR from requirement to delivery.

"With that capability, we are able to track a purchase request as it goes through the process — to the PR initiator, to the supervisor, through the funds manager, to the PR cell, to transportation, to packaging, and when it goes to contracting," Mr. Edmonds said. "We know when it hits each element, so we can track the amount of time each element has it."

The PR cell will be able to identify and nullify supply chain bottlenecks using the APRS, and this will lead to a tremendous gain in business/process efficiency.

Mr. Edmonds said it initially took a PR about 179 days from a requirement being identified to the time it was initiated in APRS. The PR cell will strive to

reduce this process time to 100 days. The automation of workflow will reduce the paper dependencies of the supply chain and promote a more efficient electronic environment.

"The APRS process will ensure all steps are taken before the PR arrives at the contracting office," he said. "This will result in far fewer reworks of PRs."

In the future Mr. Edmonds said he expects the cell to include two Justification and Approval (J&A) writers. A J&A must be completed for all purchases more than \$100,000 when the requirement is a sole source or restricted source buy. The J&As will be consistent, comprehensive and meet all the requirements of the law. Having dedicated J&A writers should lead to fewer returned PRs from contracting.

The PR cell is a major component of a greater Air Force initiative to improve and integrate AFMC's purchasing and supply chain processes known as Purchasing and Supply Chain Management (PSCM). The PR cell at Robins is the type of innovative support that will improve the war fighter's readiness in the war on terrorism.

FMA to present Manager of the Year, scholarship winners

The Federal Managers Association's Chapter 121 will announce the winners of the 2006 Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year Award and scholarship winners at its annual award luncheon June 21.

Nominees for the Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year may be civilian or military federal managers who have made significant contributions toward the achievement of one or more of the

major objectives of FMA. The objectives are greater efficiency and cost effectiveness in the workforce; increased productivity and improved quality; achievement of greater return on the taxpayer's investment; and identification and elimination of fraud, waste, and abuse.

Three Federal Managers Association Scholarships of \$500 each are awarded annually to graduating seniors in the Middle Georgia area. Applicants are evaluated on

academics, extracurricular activities, leadership, future goals, letters of recommendation and financial need.

The luncheon will be held in the officers' club ballroom. Attendees are asked to be seated by 11:25 a.m. Luncheon reservations may be made by contacting Steven Kidd, 222-1346, steven.kidd@robins.af.mil; or Cheryl Blair, 222-0532, cheryl1.blair@robins.af.mil.

Deadline for reservations is close of business June 19.

Air Force permits nonchargeable leave for adoptions

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Airmen adopting children may now be authorized up to 21 days of non-chargeable leave per calendar year.

A qualifying adoption is defined as the member being eligible for adoption reimbursement of qualified adoption expenses such as adoption, placement, legal and medical fees under Section 1052, Title 10 United States Code.

Adoption leave may be authorized in conjunction with ordinary leave. However, if two

service members are married to each other and choose to adopt children, only one service member will be granted an adoption leave of absence.

Title 32 Guard are not authorized adoption leave unless federalized under Title 10 for more than 29 consecutive days. Reserve members must also be on active duty for more than 29 consecutive days prior to taking adoption leave.

Airmen will submit their leave requests on an Air Force Form 988 indicating permissive temporary duty and using the

statement "Adoption Leave per HQ AFPC/DPS Memorandum dated May 19, 2006" until the revised Air Force Instruction is published.

Those Airmen who already used ordinary leave for adoption purposes on or after Jan. 1, 2006, should work with their commander's support staff to correct their leave.

Airmen should contact their commander's support staff or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775, option 1, 1, 2 or DSN 665-5000 for more information.

► Retirements

Below are optional retirements for the end of May/first of June as of June 5.

- Annie Rose Adams
- Leonard C. Amaro
- James Edward Battle Sr.
- Kenneth D. Bryant
- Oddis F. Cason
- Rita S. Chandler
- Carolyn A. Harrison
- James R. Hencley

- Benjamin D. Hilderbrand
- John W. Hillsman Jr.
- Carolyn H. Huckaby
- Ann H. Johnson
- Sookil Kim
- Joann L. Lassiter
- Larry J. Martin
- Patricia A. Mckeel
- Haywood M. Murphy
- Carol C. Norris
- John H. Nichols

- Danny W. Pickens
- Stephen L. Pope
- Max L. Ray Jr.
- John E. Reynolds
- Kenneth Rivers
- Linda S. Sablan
- Kenneth P. Tisdale
- Harley L. Walker
- Diane C. Weeks
- Robert T. White Jr.
- John S. Wikoff



Courtesy photos

Above: Carol Smith, a registered nurse and volunteer, helps to gut a house in East Biloxi, Miss., last month. She and her husband, Lt. Col. Tim Smith, are a part of the Hands on Network, a volunteer agency helping to rebuild homes in the Gulf region.

At left: Lt. Col. Tim Smith, from the 116th Air Control Wing and his wife Carol are dressed for demolishing houses in East Biloxi.

116th member helps Katrina victims rebuild lives

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It's been almost a year since Hurricane Katrina tore through the Gulf Coast taking homes, lives and any traces of normalcy. Lt. Col. Tim Smith of the 116th Air Control Wing spent four years at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., and won't forget the devastation anytime soon. During the past several months, the chief of Robins Command Post has spent more than 30 days rebuilding the homes and lives of Mississippi and Louisiana citizens. Through the Hands On Network, Colonel Smith and his wife Carol, who is a registered nurse and has volunteered for more than 12 total weeks in the

Gulf, have done everything from building clinics and restocking libraries to roofing houses and preparing food for other volunteers. "Initially it was just gutting houses," he said. "Once the houses are gutted, you can demold them, which is very labor intensive. You scrape every two-by-four, every rafter and the floors. We also would go in and clear yards to make space for Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers. We would take trees off the roofs and then repair them." Volunteers don't need to have specialized carpentry or repair skills. "They (Hands On Network) are one of the easiest organizations to get started with," Colonel Smith said. "There is no

training required, no special equipment needed, you just show up. If you don't have the skills – they teach you." Although volunteers don't need tools or supplies and there's no limit to how much time a person can volunteer, there is one thing Colonel Smith says everyone needs. "They'll feed you and they'll house you. You just have to put in some sweat," the South Carolina native said. "You can work a day, a week or a month. Many people have been down there for months." The feelings of completion and accomplishment Colonel Smith takes home are usually accompanied by a deep sense of sympathy and responsibility. "It's tough when you have a house and you see everybody's

personal possessions – everything they own, photo albums, their clothes, even the knick-knacks on the walls covered in mud and muck," he said. "You're basically sweeping their whole life out to the street for someone to pick up." The times spent in the once flourishing area gives the colonel time to reflect on the things that many people fail to appreciate. "We take so much for granted," he said. "It's such a free society and so materialistic. We have so many things. Then you go down there and see somebody living in a tent. It's nine months later and they are still living in tents – and they have great attitudes. They're out there working hard, trying to provide for their families and you think, 'I have so much'."

Seeing how thankful the displaced citizens are is one of the most rewarding aspects for Colonel Smith and his wife. "The people of Biloxi are great," he said. "If you wear a Hands On T-shirt and walk into a bar they'll buy you a drink. If you are carrying something across a parking lot someone will help you carry it. If you need something, they'll give it to you and these are people with nothing." The victims of Katrina are also key volunteers. "There was a Vietnamese fish market that was destroyed. We helped put it back together," the colonel said. "The owner routinely comes and cooks for us. When you are trying to cook for 40 to 200 people — that's a lot of food."

Although things are getting better on the Gulf Coast there is still a long way to go. "The need for volunteers is constant," he said. "Hands On is going to be down there long term. Anyone who wants to go down and help only needs to show up. If you fly in, they'll pick you up at the airport." The organization has had about 2,000 volunteers in the Gulf and is getting more each day – college students, retirees, lawyers and professional painters – the help is growing, but there is always room for more. "Go to the website and get as much info as you can," Colonel Smith said. "Drop them an e-mail and let them know when you're coming – it's an experience you'll never forget."



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1st Lt. Jason Huffman is the 78th Operation Support Squadron’s weather flight commander. The men and women of the 78th OSS weather flight are preparing for an active hurricane season.

78th OSS prepares for busy hurricane season

By 78TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON WEATHER FLIGHT

The Atlantic hurricane season started quietly June 1. However, the still of the tropics will not remain for long, as meteorologists are once more calling for an active tropical season.

The men and women of the 78th Operations Support Squadron’s weather flight are busily preparing to ensure that commanders, key personnel, and the Robins community are aware of the threat posed by land-falling tropical features.

Forecast teams are calling for 13 to 16 named storms this season. Nine of those storms are predicted to become hurricanes, of which five will become “major” hurricanes with winds of 110 mph or greater.

“While it is true that we are not in a direct-impact zone like the Gulf or south Atlantic coast, we remain vulnerable to possible serious consequences associated with a tropical weather event,” said Senior Meteorological

Links

Saffir – Simpson Hurricane Intensity Scale:
http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/basics/saffir_simpson_printer.shtml
American Red Cross Disaster Services and Safety Information:
http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_587_,00.html
Preparedness Recommendations from the National Hurricane Center:
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/action.shtml>

Technician Roddy E. Nixon Jr. “The impacts of even tropical storm force conditions could inhibit the mission and disrupt basic services for several days. Now is the time to prepare for any situation.”

“The risk of high winds, tornadoes and heavy rains are of immediate concern to Robins and the greater Robins community,” said 1st Lt. Jason Huffman, weather flight

commander. “We will be ready to provide command staff and key decision makers with the information needed to ensure safety, resource protection, and response readiness.”

Both Lieutenant Huffman and Mr. Nixon agree that now is the time to prepare for possible impacts from any activity that may influence Georgia this year.

“Have a plan, understand the plan, and be ready to execute your plan if needed,” said Mr. Nixon. “Georgia is more vulnerable than people think.”

The weather flight staff recommends that all assigned personnel, contractors, and their family members review the accompanying information and Web links in order to ensure the best possible preparation for the upcoming season.

Note: This information is provided via a collaborative effort between the Robins weather flight, the National Hurricane Center, the National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, and the Robins Emergency Management Program.

Hurricane / Tropical Storm / Severe Weather Terms and Definitions:

INLAND TROPICAL STORM WATCH

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph associated with a tropical storm are possible within 36 hours.

TORNADO WATCH

Issued to alert the public that conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. These watches are issued with information concerning the watch area and the length of time they are in effect.

TORNADO WARNING

Issued by local NWS offices to warn the public that a tornado has been sighted by storm spotters, law enforcement or has been indicated by radar. These warnings are issued with information concerning where the tornado is presently located and which communities are in the anticipated path of the tornado.

FLASH FLOOD WATCH

A flash flood watch means a flash flood is possible in the area; stay alert.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING

A flash flood warning means a flash flood is imminent and everyone in the area should take immediate action.

Robins Air Force Base Hurricane Conditions (HURCON)

NOTE: HURCON conditions are declared and/or changed by the base commander.

Condition 4: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 72 hours.

Condition 3: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 48 hours.

Condition 2: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 24 hours.

Condition 1: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 12 hours.

► IN BRIEF

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Maj. Gen. Michael A. Collings, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will host a Hail and Farewell June 16 at 4 p.m. in the officer’s club ballroom to welcome newcomers and send off outbound personnel. Spouses are welcome to attend the event and the fellowship that follows.

For more information, contact Capt. David Drummond at 926-0540 or by e-mail at david.drummond@robins.af.mil.

CHAPEL HOSTS CONCERT

Robins Air Force Base Chapel will present a Father’s Day

gospel concert featuring Trumpets of Joy from western Pennsylvania June 18 at 5 p.m. For details, contact William Brown at 951-0069 or 475-3451.

BASE CHAPEL HOLDS VBS

Robins base chapel has a treat in store for all youngsters ages 4 through sixth grades at its Vacation Bible School. The theme for this year is “Fiesta - Where kids are fired up about Jesus.” A special feature of the VBS program is Desert Drive-In Theater. Everyone can look forward to stories, music, crafts and more. This is an exciting and important opportunity for the children, youth and adults.

Seventh grade through adult will serve as helpers.

VBS will be this Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend daily. Family night will be Friday at 6 p.m.

To register or for more information, visit the chapel office Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or by calling Liz McCarthy or Jan Moore at 926-2821.

All terrain vehicle operators required to take new training

By 78TH AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC SAFETY

A new policy for Robins personnel who operate all terrain vehicles requires ATV training that consists of four hours of range and on-site instruction.

ATV training will be conducted on the third week of each month with the first classes scheduled for June 19 through 23.

There will be two classes each day with the morning session, which starts at 8 a.m., devoted to on-duty ATV training, and the afternoon session, which starts at 1 p.m., for personnel who only operate their ATV off-duty.

Up to eight individuals can be trained per class. In addition, classes for children ages 6 to 15 will be held on the Saturday of the third week of each month beginning June 24. Classes will start at 8 a.m. for ages 6 to 12, and at 1 p.m. for ages 13 to 15.

Everyone taking the course will be required to have their own ATV and wear an off road three-quarter or full helmet, goggles, gloves, long pants and shirt, and over-the-ankle boots. ATVs for children ages six to 12 must be 70 cc or less, and 90 cc or less for those ages 13 to 15.

Participants must register for the course at the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, Building 707, just across the street from the Base Hospital.

All required ATV training is expected to be completed over the next six months and after the initial six month training period the Commander's policy for ATV operation will be enforced.

The training is required for anyone who rides an ATV on Robins or in the performance of their job. The training is also required for military members

who ride an ATV off-duty. The training is optional but highly encouraged for civilian employees who operate an ATV off-duty and off Robins.

The training is free for everyone and the certified instructors are personnel from Robins who volunteer their time for this safety program. For more information, call 926-6271.

WHAT TO KNOW

The tentative monthly schedule for ATV training is as follows:

- ▶ June 19 through 23
- ▶ July 17 through 22
- ▶ Aug. 21 through 26
- ▶ Sept. 18 through 23
- ▶ Oct. 16 through 21
- ▶ Dec. 18 thru 23



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Mr. Kenneth Percell
WR-ALC Executive Director



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| EAP | 327-7683, 1-800-222-0364 |
| Life Skills | 327-8398 |
| AADD | 335-5218, 335-5236, 335-5238 |
| ASIST | 926-2821, 327-8480 |
| Annual suicide prevention training, | 327-8398 |

